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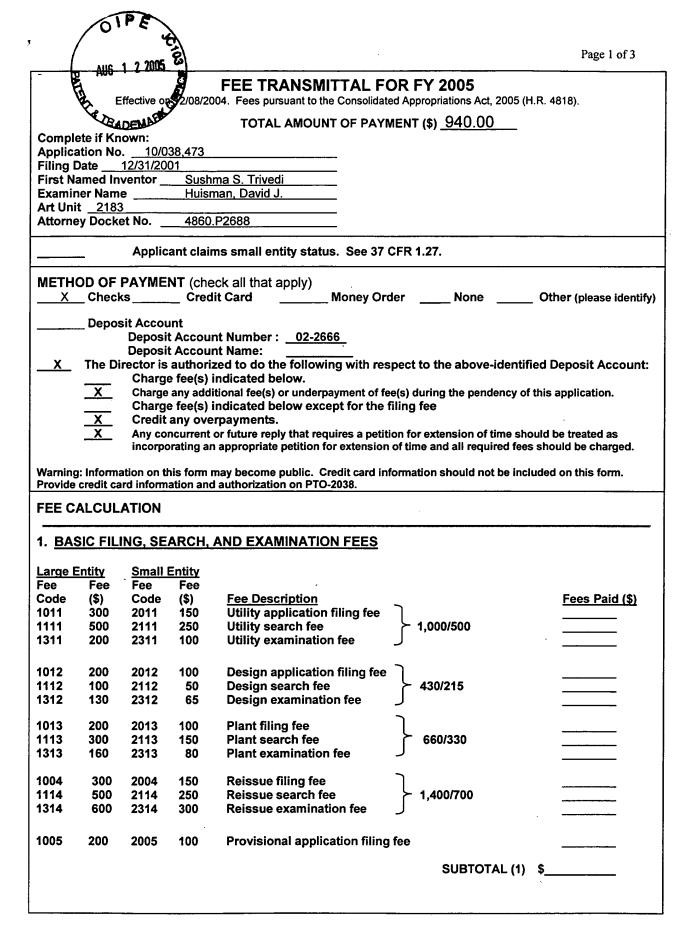
ŽQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) TRANSMITTAL

Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. § 132, effective on May 29, 2000, provides for continued examination of a utility or plant application filed on or after June 8, 1995. See the American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA).

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.

NOTE: 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 is effective on May 29, 2000. If the above-identified application was filed prior to May 29, 2000, applicant may wish to consider filing a continued prosecution application (CPA) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(d) (PTO/SB/29) instead of a RCE to be eligible for the patent term adjustment provisions of the AIPA. See Changes to Application Examination and Provisional Application Practice, Final Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 50092 (Aug. 16, 2000); Interim Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 14865 (Mar. 20, 2000), 1233 Off. Gaz. Pat. Office 47 (Apr. 11, 2000), which established RCE practice. Application No. __10/038,473 12/31/2001 Filing Date First Named Inventor Sushma S. Trivedi Group Art Unit _2183 Examiner Name Huisman, David J. Attorney Docket No. 4860.P2688 Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 Previously submitted [] Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37. C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on (Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered). Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on Other b. [X] **Enclosed** [X] Amendment/Reply [] Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s) [X] Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) iv. [] Other **Miscellaneous** Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) a. [] for a period of _____ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months. Fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) required) b. [] Fees The RCE fee under 37, C.F.R. § 1.17(e) is required by C.F.R. § 1.114 when the RCE is filed. The Director is hereby authorized to charge deficiencies in the following fees, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. 2-2666 i. [X] RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) [] Extension of time fee (37 C.F.R. §§ 1.136 and 1.17) iii. [X] Other Additional claims b. [X] Checks in the amounts of \$790.00 and \$150.00 enclosed Payment by credit card (Form PTO-2038 enclosed) c. [] SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT, ATTORNEY, OR AGENT REQUIRED Name (Print/Type) Registration No. (Attorney/Agent) Signature CERTIFICATE OF MAILING OR TRANMISSION I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service with sufficient postage as first class mail in an envelope addressed to: Commissioner For Patents, Mail Stop RCE, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria VA 22313-1450, or facsimile transmitted to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on: Name (Print/Type) Judy L. Steinkraus Signature Date ()

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	1201	200	2201	100	Each independent claim over 3
	1203	360	2203	180	Multiple dependent claims, if not paid
	1204	200	2204	100	Reissue: each claim over 20 and more than in the original patent
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3. APPLICATION SIZE FEE

If the specification and drawings exceed 100 sheets of paper, the application size fee due is \$250 (\$125 for small entity) for each additional 50 sheets or fraction thereof. See 35 U.S.C. 41(a)(1)(G) and 37 CFR 1.16(s).

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